

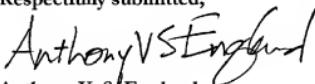
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using digital certificates)
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REMARK FOR RECORD

In the present application, Applicant amended claims including claims 1, 2, 4 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 in a reply to a first Office action. Consequently, the Examiner issued a Notice of Allowability indicated that the claims were allowable. Applicant wishes to clarify that the claim amendments and cancellations were and are intended only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicant was not conceding and is not conceding that the originally submitted claims, i.e., prior to their amendment, are unpatentable over the art cited by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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